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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture
on the proposals from the Commission of the
European Communities to the Council (Doc. 106/78)
for

- I. a regulation laying down certain measures
for the conservation and management of
fishery resources applicable to vessels
registered in the Faroe Islands
- II. a regulation laying down certain measures
for the conservation and management of
fishery resources applicable to vessels
flying the flag of Norway
- III. a regulation laying down certain measures
for the conservation and management of
fishery resources applicable to vessels
flying the flag of Sweden
- IV. a regulation allocating catch quotas
between Member States for vessels fishing
in Faroese Islands
- V. a regulation allocating certain catch
quotas between Member States for vessels
fishing in the Norwegian exclusive
economic zone

Rapporteur : Mr H. J. KLINKER

The President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

- three regulations laying down certain measures for the conservation and management of fisheries resources, applicable to vessels :
 - . registered in the Faeroe Islands
 - . flying the Norwegian flag
 - . flying the Swedish flag
- two regulations allocating certain catch quotas among the Member States in respect of vessels fishing
 - . in the waters of the Faeroe Islands
 - . in Norway's exclusive economic zone

The President of the European Parliament referred these proposals to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible.

The Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr KLINKER rapporteur.

It considered these proposals at its meeting of 8 May 1978 and adopted the motion for a resolution with 9 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

Present : Mr Kofoed, chairman; Mr Klinker, rapporteur ; Mr Andersen, Mr Bersani (deputizing for Mr L'Estrange), Mr Brégégère, Mr Dewulf, Mr Früh, Mr Herbert, Mr Lemp and Mr Tolman.

The explanatory statement will be presented orally by the rapporteur.

The Committee on Agriculture hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution :

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

- I. a regulation laying down certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels registered in the Faroe Islands
- II. a regulation laying down certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway
- III. a regulation laying down certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Sweden
- IV. a regulation allocating catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in Faroese Islands
- V. a regulation allocating certain catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in the Norwegian exclusive economic zone

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(78) 142 final and COM(78) 172 final),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 106/78-I - II - III - IV and V),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 114/78),
- having regard to the Council resolutions of 3 November 1976 concerning certain external and internal aspects of the common fisheries policy,
- having regard to the amended proposal from the Commission to the Council establishing a Community system for the conservation and management of fishery resources and in particular Article 4 thereof, which provides that, in apportioning the catch quotas between the Member States, particular attention shall be paid to the vital needs of the local populations of Ireland, of the northern parts of the United Kingdom and of Greenland which are particularly dependent on fishing and related industries¹,

¹ COM(78) 5 final

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture on this proposal¹ and the European Parliament's resolution of 16 February 1978, on the same subject²,
- having regard to the agreements concluded between the European Economic Community and the Faeroe Islands, Norway and Sweden,
- considering that these agreements, which take account of both the volume of past catches by each of the signatories to the agreement and the interests of the European Economic Community - and, in particular, those of certain of its Member States - provide an equitable basis for the sharing of fishery resources between the European Economic Community on the one hand and the Faeroe Islands, Norway and Sweden on the other,
- considering that the allocation of catch quotas among the Member States in respect of vessels fishing in the waters of the Faeroe Islands and in Norway's exclusive economic zone take account of the interests of fishermen in the Member States concerned and, in particular, the losses suffered by certain of them in the Community waters,

approves the Commission's proposals.

¹ Doc. 543/77 - rapporteur : Mr J. Corrie

² OJ No. C 63, 13.3.1978, p. 31